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Harry Walton inquired today if anyone would be posting this to the WEB. If you would like this to happen please send a request for it to take place.

Also there are a couple of errors in the newsletter, see below not that at this time it makes much of a difference.

1st-associate due are incorrectly listed as \$10 in the body of the letter and correctly listed as \$15 in the application/ renewal document

2nd- is the statement of "there should be no water use restrictions" this is not true- typically there is a 24 hour after application ban on all water use in and around the treatment site(s) after 24 hours use of water for most applications can be resumed, however a ban on use for drinking and irrigation remain until assay testing confirms levels are below accepted amount for these purposes. This can be 4-6 weeks for drinking and 8-10 weeks for irrigation. The statement about EL water not being drinking class tested is accurate. This said if some one on the lake has a hardship created by these water use restrictions it would be up to the applicant for a permit to provide assistance to reduce or remove this hardship.

3rd- I too will be at the "New Association of Lakes "meeting. This was as a result of their request.

4th- the zip code for Ti in the membership application is incorrect at 12833 it is 12883

I am extremely disappointed in your handling of distribution of this important document and my ability to review its contents before distribution as I had requested to do. You thought to share a draft copy of the newsletter with the Board on May 16, even if Harry Walton was not included in this distribution list. It was not sent to me for review until May 19 at 7:19 PM. With a note of "will release in morning". By way of your own words in the draft newsletter you indicate that I would be meeting with the Essex County Supervisor on May 20. How is it that a) you expected me to get this and b) have time to review this document? I indicated to you months ago that I wanted to review this document for accuracy of information that is critical to the milfoil project, needs for information regarding education and direction of summer plans etc. As a stipulation of the Grant and the permits that are in place ongoing education needs to be shared with the membership and other lake use groups on the prevention of spread of milfoil as well as other invasives into the lake and surrounding areas Without this component of education for prevention working relationships with various stakeholders beyond the lake can be jeopardized. I also have issue with spending \$.39 per page for color copying of the newsletter. Color printing is/was fine when IP did it for free, but if the purpose is to print a main page with a colored banner at the top and 1 picture on the 2nd page that has already been used in a previous letter I would rather see the funds go to milfoil management or a second more detailed newsletter.

After all of the effort that I put forth into this project the least that you can do is to be respectful and supportive to the people that are doing the work and share with them in a timely and professional manner the documents you plan to distribute. This is not the first time that you and I have clashed with regards to handling of personalities and communications for this project. I sent out the notice of meeting with the supervisor to all board members in an email message several weeks before the meeting was scheduled to take place and asked if anyone wished input. Prior to the actual meeting I sent to everyone again a copy of the agenda and the notes that I would be sharing with the Supervisors This was sent out May 19 at 2:30am but it provide folk with over 24 hours prior to the meeting to comment if they choose to do so. When I called you to UPDATE you personally of the outcome of this meeting your comments were less than encouraging, and you had not taken the time, by your own admission, to open the file (as it was too big) to find out what was happening or being presented. I find this most unnerving. The file was only 840k even for dial up this is not grossly large this is especially ironic in that the newsletter file as sent to the Board for review was 250k. This in addition to your speculative comments about one of the groups we have been trying to foster a relationship with for moving this project forward if made public could easily put a halt to them being an ally for the project. You have not had the face-to-face meetings and phone conversations with the people that I have. I know that you are not patient when it comes to the slow sometimes standstill pace that this project has taken but without the constant dogged persistence of myself and a few others

Eagle Lake would be doomed to milfoil strangulation. I have not asked for praise for the effort that I have put forth but respect and courtesy for the time and effort is not too much to ask.